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Applicants: HIROI, et al.  
Serial No.: Not assigned  
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For: APPARATUS FOR INSPECTING A SPECIMEN  
Group: Not assigned  
Examiner: Not assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents February 22, 2002  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully  
submitted prior to the Rule 53(b) Continuation Application  
filed on even date.

**IN THE TITLE**

Please replace the title of the invention as follows:

--APPARATUS FOR INSPECTING A SPECIMEN--.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert before the first line of the specification  
the following:

-- This is a continuation of application Serial No.

\_\_\_\_\_, filed February 5, 2002, entitled "PATTERN  
INSPECTION METHOD AND SYSTEM THEREFOR", by T. HIROI, the  
contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. --

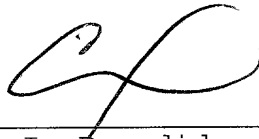
REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments prior to examination is  
respectfully requested.

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